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Mall hours extended for Christmas week

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MALL, 11

Winter market starts Dec. 19 at War Memorial

HOLYOKE – This winter, the newly relaunched Holyoke Winter Farmers' Market will bring an array of locally-grown vegetables, meat, eggs, and more to the heart of the city. The market launches on Dec. 19, and will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Holyoke War Memorial at 310 Appleton Street on the first and third Saturday

MARKET, 11

Schools to host transition session

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Public Schools is planning for the return to in-person learning for our students. Families were scheduled to turn in surveys by Monday, Dec. 14 to help inform the planning process.

The survey asked families to select the preferred model of learning for each child: fully remote or in-person hybrid model (2 or 4 days in person) and identify transportation preference.

While we are in our planning phase, we will continue to partner with the Holyoke Board of Health and rely on Holyoke's COVID-19 Health Metrics to determine the exact start date for in-person learning to begin. We will begin our transition to in-person learning once we see a consistent and observable reduction in cases in Holyoke. Join our Dec. 22, Facebook Live – 5 p.m. English Session, 5:30 p.m. Spanish Session - for more information.

Budget balance pending

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – Mayor Alex Morse gave city councilors an update on balancing the FY2021 budget now that the state government has passed a budget.

Councilor Linda Vacon proposed bringing more cuts forward and requested a finance committee meeting followed by a special meeting of the city council in the future. After further debate, the council set a Finance Committee followed by a special meeting of the full city council on Friday, Dec. 18.

See BUDGET, page 11

MAKING IT WORK



Support pods are utilized during the hybrid learning model used for Holyoke students who have special needs. There is hope the school district can go to a hybrid learning model for all students early next year.

Submitted photo

Winter sports contingent on lowering COVID-19 case rate

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Schools administration has decided to go forward with the winter sports season despite the city still being in the "red" and labeled a high-risk for COVID-19 transmission.

With a vaccine that

began rolling out in Holyoke Medical Center and nearby Baystate Medical Center to essential health workers as well as further restrictions that have been in place by the governor since Dec. 13, the city is hopeful to get back into the yellow, or "moderate" category by Jan. 11, when winter sports practices are supposed to begin.



Fall sports had to be halted Oct. 21 due to Holyoke remaining in the red for COVID-19 spread risk.



Basketball and swimming have been approved to be played if the city can get out of the high-risk category.

See SPORTS page 11

Suspect arrested in homicide

HOLYOKE – On Saturday, Dec. 12 at approximately 1:55 p.m. the Holyoke Police Department responded to the 300 block of Walnut Street for a reported shooting. The Holyoke Police Department immediately initiated an investigation and contacted the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office.

Officers located two victims at the scene, both were immediately rushed to Baystate Medical Center.

One of the victims succumbed to his injuries, he is a 15-year-old juvenile male from Holyoke.

Investigators quickly developed information on the suspected shooter and identified him as Angel Gonzalez, 22, of Holyoke. Investigators believed he fled out of state and began working with Connecticut law enforcement



Angel Gonzalez

See HOMICIDE, page 11

HCC’s ‘Bake With Me’ series focused on families

HOLYOKE – This coming March, Holyoke Community College will offer a weekly series of baking classes aimed at parents and their children who want to learn to create tasty treats together under the guidance of a professional chef.

The “Bake With Me” series runs for four consecutive Fridays in March from 4 to 5:30 p.m. over Zoom.

Each class will focus on a different dessert: March 5 (Key Lime Pie); March 12 (caramel cheesecake); March 19 (blackberry cobbler a la mode); March 26 (royal icing sugar cookies).

Classes will be led by Chef Maureen Benton, an instructor in HCC’s Culinary Arts program.

“‘Bake With Me’ offers families a fun way to connect, laugh and learn together from the comfort of their own kitchens,” said Michele Cabral, HCC executive director of Business, Corporate and Professional Development. “Since the pandemic started, my husband and I have been Zoom cooking with our grandson and love the memories we are creating as a family.”

Each session costs \$49 and comes with a special baking kit. The kit includes a shopping list, recipe cards and two kid-sized kitchen tools: Session 1 (apron and whisk); Session 2 (chef’s hat and spatula); Session 3 (oven mitt and ice cream scoop); Session 4

(dish towel and rolling pin).

The kits will be available for pickup, dropoff or delivery by mail.

“When kids learn to bake, they develop confidence, and, without knowing it, they are also practicing their math skills, as they learn to measure ingredients and scale up or scale down a recipe,” Cabral said. “But the classes will also offer kids a chance to play in the kitchen. They get to experiment, be creative, and, in the end, they’ll have a yummy treat to share with their families.”

Class size is limited. To register for one or more sessions, please go to: hcc.edu/bake-with-me.

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Chef Maureen Benton will lead HCC’s new Bake With Me series, which is aimed at parents and their children.
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Aegis Energy welcomes Richard O’Hearn as CHP specialist

HOLYOKE – Aegis Energy, EDF Group, the leading provider of cogeneration technology, today announced that Richard O’Hearn has come on board in the role of CHP Specialist. His hire comes during an extended period of growth; Aegis recently hired 12 employees and has plans to continue to add to the team.

A Certified Energy Manager by the Association of Energy Engineers, Richard capably informs customers about the benefits of Combined Heat and Power (CHP), building strong relationships with new and existing clients in the process. A former employee of Siemens, he is no stranger to the energy industry or green technology.

Aegis President Lee Vardakas shared that, “Richard has an uncanny ability to translate technical elements into financial metrics. This proves especially valuable during energy assessments, allowing customers to understand the significant financial benefits of CHP to their facilities and bottom lines.”

Vardakas stated that his company’s four available positions include: business development specialist (entry level), new business development manager, generator technician, and field services technician.

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Fentanyl seized during narcotics investigation

HOLYOKE – A long running investigation into a substantial drug trafficking organization culminated last week with the arrest of five suspects, and the seizure of over two kilograms of Fentanyl, two kilograms of cocaine, 11 firearms, and approximately \$12,000. Participating in the investigation were: the Hampden District Attorney’s Office, the Hampden District Attorney’s Hampden County Narcotics Task Force and the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney’s Office, Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, Springfield Police Department Narcotics Unit, United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Homeland Security Investigations, the West Springfield, Holyoke, Chicopee Police Departments, Hampden County Sheriff’s Department, Massachusetts State Police’s Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction Enforcement Team, Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit .

Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni stated, “This long running, multi-agency investigation has dismantled a prominent drug trafficking organization here in the western Massachusetts region. The large amount of narcotics seized, specifically the Fentanyl, and the dismantling of this organization, unquestionably has saved many lives. The agencies and officers involved should be commended for operating a very successful and intricate investigation that targeted the trafficking of Fentanyl, an extraordinarily potent drug that has killed thousands across Massachusetts just over the past few years.”



A large quantity of Fentanyl was seized in a drug investigation last week.

Submitted photo

On December 5, 2020 members of the District Attorney’s Hampden County Narcotics Task Force executed a search warrant on Julian Delgado’s residence at 26 Columbia Terrace in Springfield for his alleged involvement in the distribution of cocaine. A preceding motor vehicle stop, which led to the arrest of Julian Delgado, 29, of Springfield, yielded one kilogram of cocaine. The subsequent search of his home yielded another kilogram of cocaine, found in a cardboard box under a Christmas tree.

Julian Delgado has been charged with: Trafficking a Class B Drug “Cocaine” Over 200 Grams, and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

On December 7, 2020, investigators

learned that Maralaisy Gil and Junior Degracia would be traveling to the Lawrence, Mass. area to procure a large quantity of Heroin/Fentanyl. Later in the evening, a traffic stop was conducted in which six large bags containing approximately 2.87 kilograms of Fentanyl was found in the vehicle.

Both Junior Degracia, 41, and Maralaisy Gil, 39, both of Springfield, have been arrested and charged with Trafficking in Heroin/Fentanyl Over 200 Grams.

The following day, on December 8, 2020, search warrants were executed in Springfield and Belchertown resulting in the arrests of the following two Individuals for the following offenses:

John Feliciano, 45, of Springfield,

charged with: Trafficking in Heroin/Fentanyl Over 200 Grams, Manufacturing in Heroin/Fentanyl, Commission of a Felony while Armed, Conspiracy to Violate 94C Narcotic Laws, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm (10 Counts), Possession of a Sawed-Off Shotgun, Possession of Ammunition without FID Card

Jose Antonio Diaz, 46, of Belchertown, charged with: Trafficking in Heroin/Fentanyl Over 200 Grams, Manufacturing in Heroin/Fentanyl, Conspiracy to Violate 94C Narcotic Laws, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm (10 counts), Possession of a Sawed-Off Shotgun, Possession of Ammunition without FID Card.

Recovered during these searches were the following: Approximately 400 Grams of Heroin/Fentanyl, Eleven Firearms (7 Pistols, 2 Rifles, 1 AR15 Rifle & a Sawed-off Shotgun), Two (2) Ballistic Vests , \$11,200 US Currency, and Numerous rounds of various ammunition.

The Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office provided funding for this investigation. AG Healey’s Office has prioritized combatting the opioid crisis and has been working closely with federal, state and local partners to fight illegal drug trafficking throughout New England. The AG’s Fentanyl Strike Force was created in 2016 using a \$1 million federal grant that has since been strengthened with an additional \$5.6 million in funding to expand ongoing multistate and cross-jurisdictional investigations.

Arraignment information was not immediately available.

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Agawam Advertiser News,
Quaboag Current
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Barre Gazette, Country Journal,
Ware River News
The Journal Register
- **Monday, Dec. 21 at noon**
Town Reminder,
Chicopee Register and
The Holyoke Sun

Happy Holidays!

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January 1, 2021:

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The Wilbraham-Hampden Times,
Agawam Advertiser News,
Quaboag Current, Barre Gazette,
Country Journal, Ware River News
The Journal Register
- **Monday, Dec. 28 at noon**
Town Reminder, Chicopee Register
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- Profoundly wise men
- Camera company
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Passerine birds
- Plum-shaped fruit used for preserves
- Popular kids channel
- Dodgers' skipper
- Removes
- The Atlantic is one
- Badgerlike mammal
- Foulness
- Luke's mentor
- Commercial
- A type of gin
- Temptress
- Shuts in an enclosed space
- Milligram
- Actress Adams
- Strive to equal or match

- Health insurance
- A detective's source
- Small American rails
- Alfred __, Brit. poet
- Crest of a hill
- Atomic #52
- __ Caesar, comedian
- Breaks apart
- Register formally (Brit. sp.)
- Worker
- Chemical compound
- Disgraced newsman
- Born of
- Chemical substance
- Supernatural powers
- Clothes
- Indy footballers
- Moves forward
- Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- Driver
- Bone cavities

- Menacing
- Where coaches patrol
- Greek mythological figure
- War-based board game
- Midway between northeast and east
- 18-year period in astronomy
- Mid-century term used to describe Japanese-Americans
- Large bodies of water
- Eurasian ryegrass
- Perform on stage
- Greek island
- 10th month of the year (abbr.)
- One point east of southeast
- Belgian city
- Praise excessively
- River in France

- Edible lily bulbs
- Quarterbacks take them
- Organic compound
- Tears down (Brit.)
- Beloved Hollywood alien
- Unconscious
- Missouri
- Firemen use them
- Pig noise
- Greatly dismay
- Imitator
- Moves by turning over
- Boxing's GOAT
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Poetry Corner

Price Must Be Paid

By Thomas J. Kennedy

Trade off – Good – Bad – Values
Too much immorality, Leads to disrespect
And trespassing and escape.
Do your own thing first; Me first – Do your
own thing.
Get lost in the crowd – No responsibility then
Be yourself if not the crowd.

Secular Sameness leads to pleasure
– not happiness
Always resent – short term.
As Acquisition, comparison doesn’t last.
Give children back their childhood
And quit making them junior adults-Greatest
injustice to me –
“ Cheating a child out of their Childhood.”

Jesus doesn’t mind sharing
His Birthday with Santa
Let them be children . . .

Long slow time of imagination, wonder
Play, surprises and let them win . . .
And let the hood stay over the child .
Don’t take away their innocence
by gross media words and visually.

Losing self growth and Dream ability-
Living too fast.
Don’t correct a child when you’re angry or
lose control.
Someday you will learn who hurt who.
Don’t let anyone control you unless good
Don’t react . . . Be patient
And put the punishment (if needed) by priority
And adult to child talking at their level.

Discipline with goodness is a must for love
Respect with love is a must for goodness
All rights have equal responsibility
Every possession you own has a duty –
And every opportunity
has a dedicated obligation.
Please live by Peace, Love and Joy
And make your contribution for a better
World.



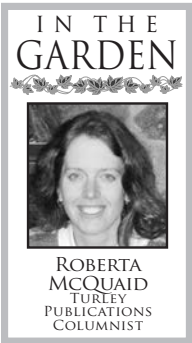
Guest Column

Poinsettias appreciate extra TLC

Every Christmas the poinsettia takes the stage, front and center, in grocery and box store displays. The deep red bracts lure buyers to make them part of their holiday decorating. Pretty? For sure, but without proper care, the plant won’t have a chance past New Year’s Day. Let’s learn what we can do to keep this favorite looking its best throughout the holiday season and then some.

It’s important that you start off with a healthy plant. Choose a poinsettia with dark green foliage all the way to the soil line. Color should completely cover the bracts on the upper portion of the plant. Avoid plants whose flowers (located in the center of the bracts) show pollen. If pollen is evident, the plant is old. Be wary of those that are displayed in plastic or paper sleeves or even those that are elbow to elbow. Poinsettias need room to spread out, and the longer they are cramped, the more likely it is that their quality will be impacted. Wilted plants are also best avoided, as this may indicate more than dry soil alone.

Poinsettias are cold sensitive. Temperatures under 50 degrees for even a



few minutes can damage the plant. Therefore, insert into a bag or protective sleeve for the ride home from the store and do not leave in an unheated car while you run other errands! Once home, position the poinsettia in a location where it will receive indirect light for at least six hours a day. Avoid drafts, warm or cold, and place far enough away from windows to prevent the foliage from touching cold glass. Chances are if you are comfortable inside, your poinsettia will be as well. Temperatures from 65 to 70 degrees during the day to around 55 at night will extend its life.

Check the plant often to see if it needs water. If the soil is dry, water until droplets leak through the drainage holes in the pot. Saucers shouldn’t accumulate water. Dump the excess out after each watering so the plant won’t reabsorb it and become waterlogged. Soil that remains soaking wet is likely to cause root rot. A visual indication of this irreversible disease is curled, wilting foliage and bracts. Hold off on fertilizing the plant while it is in bloom.

See GARDEN, page 6

Guest Column

Will my U.K. pension affect my Social Security?

By Russell Gloor

Dear Rusty: I lived and worked in the United Kingdom prior to coming to the U.S. at age 45, which qualified me for a U.K. State Pension worth the equivalent of about \$740 U.S. dollars per month. Since moving to the U.S. I have contributed to the U.S. Social Security system for 14 years and my estimated U.S. Social Security benefit is \$1,643 per month. I have heard about something called “WEP” and must be honest and say I don’t fully understand. Can you provide some advice or references so I can understand what happens to these sums when I retire? I don’t have any other pension income, so understanding these numbers is important. FYI, I hold both U.S. and U.K. passports and will retire in the U.S.A. Signed: Blessed from the UK

Dear Blessed: The “WEP” provision you refer to is known as the “Windfall Elimination Provision.” It affects anyone who is eligible to collect Social Security benefits, but who also has a pension from another entity (corporation, public agency, or foreign country) which did not participate in the U.S. Social Security program (meaning that SS FICA payroll taxes weren’t paid during that employment). WEP will reduce your U.S. Social Security benefit by using a special formula to compute your benefit amount. Generally, the WEP reduction

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is determined either by the number of years of substantial Social Security covered earnings that you have, or the WEP maximums (one of which is that your U.S. Social Security can’t be reduced by more than half of your non-covered pension). With less than 20 years paying into the U.S. system, you will incur one of the maximum WEP reductions.

Something else important to understand is that the current estimate you have from Social Security doesn’t include the WEP reduction. That estimate assumes that you will continue to earn at your current level until you reach your full retirement age. You haven’t shared your birthdate, but from your email I assume you are now about 60-years-old. I

f you were born in 1959, your full retirement age (FRA) for U.S. Social Security purposes is 66 years and 10 months (if you were born after that your FRA is 67, and if you were born before that subtract 2 months for each year prior to 1959). Your FRA is when you will get your “full” Social Security benefit. If you claim before that (age 62 is the earliest you can claim) your benefit will be reduced (even before WEP), and if you wait beyond your FRA you’ll earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which will increase your benefit amount. DRCs stop at age 70.

Based upon what you’ve told me, I believe that your WEP reduction will prob-

ably be limited to one of the maximums, either half of your monthly U.K. pension, or the maximum for your “eligibility year” (2022?). We don’t yet know what the standard maximum WEP reduction for 2022 will be, but for 2020 it is \$480. That is the most that your Social Security benefit could normally be reduced. But if your U.K. pension is about \$740 U.S. Dollars, then your maximum reduction should be about \$370, because the WEP reduction can’t be more than half of your non-covered (U.K.) pension. So, your U.S. Social Security benefit of \$1,643 will most likely be reduced by about \$370 to about \$1,303. You will need to contact the U.K. pension system to see if any of your U.K. pension will be offset by your U.S. Social Security benefits.

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ones who do.”

Rob Siltanen

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VOLUNTEERS LAY WREATHS AT VETERANS CEMETERY



On an overcast morning, Saturday, Dec. 12, volunteers gathered to lay wreaths at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. The job was done with a group of 16 volunteers who put out 52 wreaths, a number that unfortunately keeps growing each year. The wreaths honor members of the Westover Air Force. Photos from left, wreaths are lined up to be distributed to veterans' graves. Many volunteers made their way to Agawam Veteran's Cemetery to lay wreaths. The wreath-laying during the holidays has become a yearly tradition, and despite the pandemic, 2020 was no different. *Submitted photos*

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It's unfortunate that few people keep their poinsettias past the holiday season. When I was a kid my Mom succeeded at getting hers to bloom again the following Christmas. Here's what to do if you'd like to try it: In early April cut back the plant to eight inches. Fertilize with an all purpose houseplant fertilizer once a month. New growth should appear by the end of May. After the danger of frost has passed, move the plant outdoors. Continue to water but increase fertilization to every two weeks. Pinch plants in late June or early July to promote bushy growth. At this time you may also wish to repot the poinsettia. Select a pot one size larger, filling around the root ball with a good potting soil. Bring the plant indoors as temperatures fall.

The poinsettia is photoperiodic, and long nights of uninterrupted darkness encourage it to bloom. In greenhouses, growers go to great lengths to withhold

light, as even small amounts can delay or stop the plant from setting bud. At home, putting the plant in the closet for 14 hours each night is your best bet. Most people get on a 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. schedule beginning on Oct. 1, and continue it for eight to 10 weeks until color shows on the bracts. Night temperatures should be no higher than 70 degrees or flowering may be delayed.

While my Mom achieved colorful bracts, the plant itself was a bit leggy and the foliage not so green. Perhaps more fertilizer and a harder pinch would have made our experiment more successful. Give it a try yourself and maybe you will have even better results!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

A New Book About The Flats of Holyoke

Written by Barbara (Reed) Raschilla

If you live in Holyoke or have ever lived in The Flats, a book of memories of a nine year old will take you back to a time when a family of six could live on a \$12 a week paycheck. Included are photographs of Holyoke icons that were victims of urban "renewal" programs.

This book is available at
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No locker rooms, scrums in hockey modifications

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – The parking lots at Olympia Ice Center and Fitzpatrick Rink could be very crowded this winter with students being forced to change outdoors as part of the modifications made to ice hockey for the 2020-2021 season.

High school guidelines from the office of Energy and Environmental Affairs required locker rooms to be closed at ice hockey arenas.

The only reason the locker rooms can be used is for players to use the bathroom and sinks.

“Participants must wear-in/wear-out clothes or dress in the

parking lot or other designated area,” the guidelines state.

The change is to limit close contact among teammates due to locker rooms being very congested spaces with a lot of pads and equipment taking up even more space.

One change for hockey versus other sports is the ability for players to wear gaiters on the ice. Typically, face coverings for players and fans alike in most sports requires a mask that has loops that go over the ear, securely covering the mouth and nose. Hockey players are allowed to wear gaiters, which were viewed as less secure by some. Gaiter will be allowed for hockey players provided they

are multi-ply.

One of the tougher parts to comply with is the fact only 20 players will be allowed to dress for the game, and some extended bench areas will be needed for both teams in order to social distance enough. Typically, 22 players are allowed on the roster for varsity games. Only three coaches will be allowed on benches for games, though that is close to average for most hockey teams.

Having more than one player in the penalty box will also be a new challenge as only one player is allowed in the penalty box at a time. According to the guidelines, other spaces must be designated for players to serve

penalties.

“One person in the penalty box at a time,” the guidelines state. “If another player must be in a designated ‘auxiliary box/location,’ they must be social distanced either outside the penalty box or in the bench area as close to the penalty box as possible; when possible the second and or subsequent penalized players must move to the penalty box upon the exit of the previously penalized player.”

There is an option for subsequent players to serve penalties on their bench if necessary.

The biggest change fans will notice with play on the ice is the elimination of “scrums.” These are plays typically when

multiple players go after a loose puck in a corner of the ice. They usually take place on either side of the goal.

The guidelines only allow for one player from each team to be involved in a scrum. Once a third player joins, play must be stopped by the referee. Play also will be stopped if the scrum lasts more than five seconds.

High schools played fall sports in geographically-formed leagues in order to limit contact between too many schools. The plan will be similar for hockey, but leagues will look different because there are fewer teams. There were also no restrictions placed on co-op programs and they will be allowed to play.

Seekonk Speedway announces events for next season

SEEKONK – Seekonk Speedway is looking ahead to a fresh, exciting 2021 season. On Dec. 3, the Massachusetts third-mile announced the full schedule of events for 2021 -- one that will mark the 75th anniversary of full-time racing. Seekonk Speedway looks forward to welcoming fans back to the grandstands safely, as the recent vaccine announcements for COVID-19 are welcomed news and talks continue with the state of Massachusetts.

Multiple major events headline the 2021 schedule -- including the ISMA Supermodified and Boston Louie NEMA Midget and NEMA Lite Races (June 9), the annual \$10,000 to win Open Wheel Wednesday headlined by the Tri Track Open Modified Series (June 30), the inaugural \$10,000 to win Bay State Summer Classic with the PASS Pro Stocks (July 28), the annual DAV Fall Classic (Sept. 24 to 25) and the Haunted Hundred,

headlined by Tri Track (Oct. 23).

The slate includes 18 Saturday Night Showdowns -- showcasing Seekonk's premiere Pro Stocks, Everett's Auto Parts Late Models, Helger's South Coast Power Equipment Sportsman and Chaz Auto Body Sport Trucks. It will also see the return of the Fast Friday Series -- with 16 events for the Nick's Pit Stop Legends Cars, Helger's Pure Stocks, Sport 4's and Seekonk Grand Prix Bandoleros. Seekonk is pleased to welcome back all divisions and their sponsors, while adding Chaz Auto Body to the team of division sponsors.

With COVID-19 shutting down Saturday night competition and Thrill Shows in 2020, and only Fast Friday drivers hitting the track due to regulations from the state of Massachusetts to stop the spread of the virus, it's only fitting that the 75th

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Woody Pitkat was a big winner at the Sunoco World Series event.

Kolodziej steps down as Pioneers GM

Mutiny GM Ferrara takes helm

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — Along with being the longtime boys' varsity soccer coach at Ludlow High School, Greg Kolodziej has also been the General Manager of the Western Mass. Pioneers for more than ten years.

Kolodziej recently stepped down as the Pioneers G.M. due to personal reasons.

“I'm excited about some new challenges that lie ahead,” Kolodziej said. “I hope to spend more time on the soccer field doing what I enjoy most, coaching kids, and assisting and encouraging them to be good students so once they get through the graduation line, they are ready to do good, positive things in life.”

Kolodziej is still planning to continue coaching the boys' varsity soccer team at his alma mater in the fall of 2021. He also coaches a Western United Pioneers squad.

Joe Ferrara, who like Kolodziej is a lifelong resident of Ludlow, has been named as the new General Manager of the Western Mass. Pioneers. He's also the owner of the New England Mutiny and is the Commissioner of the United Women's Soccer League.

“The Pioneers have a great support staff and the Mutiny also have a great support staff, so I think I'll be able to run both organizations without very much difficulty,” Ferrara said. “The biggest challenge right now is that we still don't know what's going to be happening next spring.”

The Pioneers and the Mutiny, who both play their home matches at historic



The New England Mutiny and Western Mass. Pioneers share a home stadium now. Mutiny owner Joe Ferrara was named the Pioneers GM.

File photos

Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, didn't play any matches in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We're hoping to have a season next year, but we're planning for several different scenarios,” Ferrara said. “A normal regular season, a shortened season, a season without fans, or no season at all.”

Before Kolodziej stepped down from his position, he and Ferrara shared the same office at Lusitano Stadium.

“I do have a lot of respect for Greg and his family,” Ferrara said. “I would like to meet with him about the Pioneers.”

The Pioneers, who had a very successful 2019 campaign, are coached by Federico Molinari.

“Federico is a very good



Greg Kolodziej

soccer coach,” Ferrara said. “I'm looking forward to working with him on a daily basis.”

The Pioneers assistant coaches are Dennis Gomes, Jay Willis, and John Voight.

The Pioneers are members of the USL 2 League and compete in the Northeast Division of the Eastern Conference.

The USL 2 League G.M. meetings are normally held in Florida in December, but they're going to be held virtual in January. The 2021 schedule will be released at that time.

The Pioneers qualified to play in the U.S. Open Cup last year, which was canceled. They're hoping to play in the 2021 Open Cup tournament.

“It'll be great if we do play in the Open Cup next

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anniversary be celebrated in 2021. Seekonk's Fast Friday classes ran a 10-race slate in front of no spectators in 2020, however, they continued to showcase youth talent and some of the best racing Seekonk offers through the track's YouTube channel.

"Our schedule includes a bit of something for everyone who is a race fan in the region," Ed St. Germain, Director of Business Development at Seekonk Speedway, said. "We're excited for all of our special events, but above all, we can't wait to welcome back our great fans and get our premiere Saturday night divisions back on the track in 2021."

The season opens with two Test and tune sessions on April 10 and 24, while opening weekend returns on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2. Saturday will include the Classic Car Show and Swap Meet fans have come to love, with burn out drags and race practice. On Sunday, May 2, the engines fire in a race competition for the first time with the Pro Stocks, Late Models, Sportsman, Trucks and Spectator Drags. The season rolls from this starting point in May all the way through October, with more than 45 events planned.

Of the touring divisions included, two of them will visit Seekonk more than once -- with the prestigious Tri Track Open Modified Series bringing their top Modified talent for Open Wheel Wednesday (June 30) and the Haunted Hundred (October 23). Both races have a large purse and always attract the best Modified talent in the region. New for 2021, the American Canadian Tour (ACT) will also join the Haunted Hundred, along with the return of the Pro All Star Series (PASS) Super Late Models. All three races as part of the season-finale will be 100 laps, matching the Haunted "Hundred" name.

PASS, New England's premier touring Super Late Model division, will return to Seekonk for three events overall in 2021 -- including the big \$10,000 to win race on Wednesday, July 28. PASS will also help headline the two races that will close the season -- the annual Fall Classic, with a 150-lapper on Sept. 25, and the Haunted Hundred.

The track welcomes back five Thrill



Christopher Buffone, of Belchertown, was also a champion last season.

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Shows to the schedule -- with a show for Memorial Day (May 29), Independence Day (July 3), Mid-Summer Spectacular (July 31), Labor Day (Sept. 4) and the Pumpkin Smash (Oct. 9). Note that all Thrill Shows are on Saturday night's -- giving weekly competitors the night off. There will also be a special event on Sunday, Aug. 8 -- headlined by the return of Monster Trucks and the first ever Spectator Drag race -- where drivers will double up and actually race for multiple laps together on the track, instead of just in a one-on-one format.

As part of the weekly slate, track champions will be crowned in all nine divisions. Championship battles for all divisions except the Pro Stocks will include as part of the DAV Fall Classic weekend on Sept. 24 and 25, as the Fall Classic returns to a two-day race format, with a practice session on Thursday night, Sept. 23. The Pro Stock title battle wraps on Saturday, Sept. 18, on Ocean State Oil Night, allowing drivers to compete with PASS at the Fall Classic.

The Phil's Propane Triple Crown Series returns after a year off due to COVID, with a three-race, extra distance, set of races for all of Seekonk's divisions. The Pro Stock Triple Crown Series races will be 60 laps, while the Late Models will shift to 45 laps. The Sportsman and Sport Trucks remain at 35, while the Pure Stocks, Sport 4's and Legends Cars are

set for 30. As always, the Seekonk Grand Prix Bandolero division runs 15 laps for all of their events, but will also crown a Triple Crown champion.

Phil's Propane Triple Crown Series Dates:

Pro Stocks: June 5, July 16, Aug. 21
Late Models: May 22, June 26, Aug.

21 Sportsman: May 15, June 19, Aug.

21 Sport Trucks: May 8, June 12, Aug.

21 Legends Cars: June 25, July 30, Aug. 20

Pure Stocks: June 18, July 16, Aug.

20 Sport 4: June 11, July 23, Aug. 20

Bandolero: June 4, July 9, Aug. 20

The Everett's Auto Parts Diamond Races are on the schedule, with three special events for the Pro Stocks and the Late Models. All of these races will be 50 laps for both divisions, including a night where both classes run the 50's on Saturday, Aug. 14.

Everett's Auto Parts Diamond Race Dates:

Pro Stocks: June 26, July 24, Aug.

14 Late Models: June 19, July 17, Aug.

14 The Troy City Tactical Spectator Drag Series is back, with drivers set to compete in a 10-race series starting on

May 2 and ending on Oct. 9. In the middle, drivers will thrill fans in front of both Saturday night crowds and Thrill Show fans.

The Power 5 Series will return for Helger's Southcoast Power Equipment Sportsman, with five races set for 30 laps instead of 25, with a bit of extra purse money on the line courtesy of Helger's. Sponsorship is available for Power 5 races for the remainder of Seekonk's Saturday night divisions.

The schedule also includes the special returns of Military Night, Youth Sports Night, the STAR and NEAR Antique Racer divisions, R.I. Shriners Night (with Trike Races), Fans on Parade, Scout Night, the Pit Party, Phil's Propane night, Helger's Southcoast Power Equipment night and the annual Fan Appreciation night sponsored by Everett's Auto Parts.

Seekonk looks forward to welcoming back a long list of supporters for the 2021 season, and can't thank those who stepped up in 2020 enough. See below for a full list of 2021 sponsors to this point:

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The full schedule is subject to change.

Seekonk Speedway will release additional updates about the 2021 season when available. For more information, follow the track on all social media channels and visit seekonkspeedway.com. Please stay tuned for ticket release dates for advanced purchase.

Fans should keep a lookout for new episodes of the Seekonk Speedway podcast series over the winter months, giving you a step back in time, a view of the present and a look into the future.

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Sports

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year,” Ferrara said. “It gives the smaller clubs the chance to play with the big boys.”

The Mutiny had played games in several different communities before coming to Ludlow in 2019.

“Being able to have the Mutiny play home matches at Lusitano Stadium is very special to me,” Ferrara said. “I played games there when I was in high school and the atmosphere is great at the Stadium.”

The Mutiny celebrated their 20th anniversary in 2019 and Ferrara has only missed one match since he formed the team in 1999.

After taking a year off from soccer for the first time in many years, Ferrara is ready to watch both of his soccer teams play next summer.

“Last summer was the first time in 20 years that I wasn’t involved in soccer and it was refreshing. Soccer seasons can be a grind at times, especially when you’re not succeeding on the field,” Ferrara said. “I’m

ready to go now and the players are also ready to get back on the field again.”

While the 2020 United Women’s Soccer League regular season was canceled, a couple of showcase tournaments were held in Michigan and Florida last summer.

The Mutiny, who are members UWS Eastern Conference, do have several players from Western Mass. listed on their roster.

“Having the local soccer players play for the Mutiny really means a lot to me,” Ferrara said. “It’s nice to have players from Granby, Monson, Agawam, and Ludlow on the team. We’re represented by ten communities in Western Massachusetts. There are a lot of talented high school girls’ soccer players from this area.”

Several Mutiny players have been signed with N.W.S.L. and a few have played for professional teams in Europe.

Jill Serafino is the Mutiny General Manager and Jeb Booth is planning on returning as the Mutiny head coach in 2021.

Free COVID-19 testing at HCC extended until March 31

HOLYOKE — Free “Stop the Spread” COVID-19 testing at Holyoke Community College has been extended until March 31, 2021, according to the Holyoke Board of Health.

Drive-through testing at HCC is conducted six days a week in parking lot H near the western entrance to the Donahue Building on the college’s main campus, 303 Homestead Ave.

HCC has been serving as a “Stop the Spread” drive-through testing site since Aug. 26 to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Drivers are asked to enter the campus from Homestead Avenue, turn left onto the Campus Road and proceed to parking lot H. There will be signs and parking attendants on site to manage the flow of traffic.

The HCC testing site is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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UMass Amherst Science Program announces new iCons class

AMHERST – Andrew C. Bermudez, of Holyoke, is among 72 undergraduates selected for the newest class of the Integrated Concentration in Science, or iCons, program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

More than 156 first-year and sophomore students applied for one of the coveted iCons spots through a process open to roughly 5,000 undergraduate students, mostly majoring in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM).

The current iCons cohort, the 11th to participate, will graduate the program in 2024. The UMass Amherst College of Natural Sciences’ iCons program builds on students’ course of study by providing them with further skills needed to enter the modern scientific workforce.

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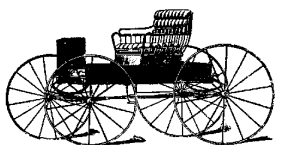
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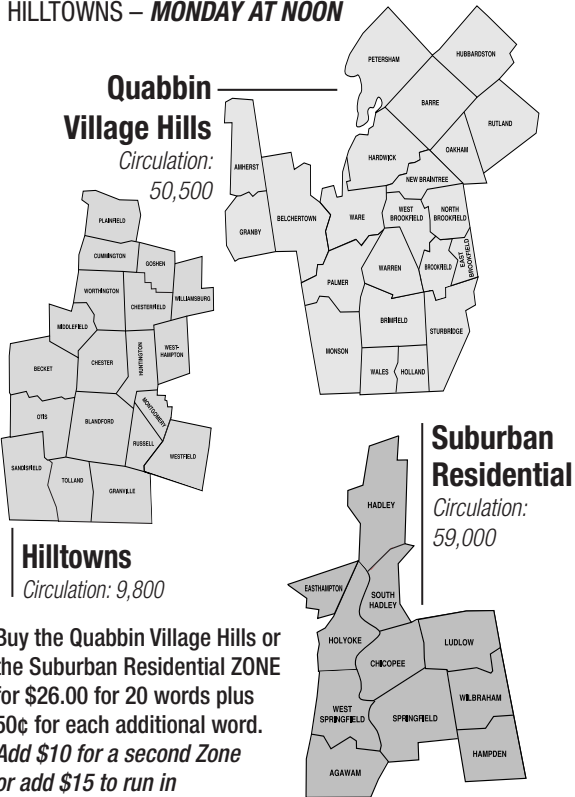
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BUDGET, from page 1

Councilors took up the issue immediately as their meeting started. Balancing the budget is typically done at the end of the calendar year so a tax rate can be set.

“The number we’re looking to balance is about \$883,000,” said Morse. “In first paragraph of my letter, the entire finance team met. This year, 2020, has been unprecedented. COVID-19 impact has been real and measurable. We’re very proud that we have not cut city services or shrunk our workforce. We pledged to do everything we could weather our storm. We estimated a five percent reduction in our collection and losses of revenue in meals and hotel taxes.”

He estimated about \$2 million less in local receipts compared to FY2020 because of the pandemic.

He did say there was less revenue from licensing fees because of the License Board’s decision to waive fees to help businesses deal with their own losses during the pandemics.

Morse talked about an enormous deficit in the sewer enterprise fund. The state is requiring the city to reduce line items in the sewer budget in order to

cover actual impacts. Morse said state law has prevented water/sewer shutoffs during the pandemic, but the result is a lack of collection because of lack of ability to shut off water to collect back bills owed. Morse also said the sewer rate is no longer sustainable to cover the costs of the enterprise.

Morse said the school department deficit had to be brought down as well. The school department has a \$93 million budget, but reductions in transportation needs has reduced the budget is almost \$5 million, \$4.2 million of which the city is responsible for.

With schools not open for in-person learning until at least January, and a hybrid model from that point, the school department is able to shave about \$1.8 million in transportation funds that will not be used. However, if the surge continues, the school and city could realize more savings.

“The cut in transportation funding should allow us to cover the city’s deficit,” said Morse.

Morse proposed reducing the school appropriate as a means of balancing the budget.”

Morse did report some good news, including \$1.1 million in new growth. The stabilization fund has gained \$1.3 million from investments by the city.

MALL, from page 1

For a complete list of shopping hours, please visit the Extended Holiday Shopping Hours page at holyokemall.com. Guests are reminded that department store, restaurant and entertainment venue hours may vary and to call ahead to confirm a specific venue’s hours of operation.

In-Person Shopping

When shopping in-person, Holyoke Mall and individual stores have comprehensive safety and sanitizing measures in place to keep you safe. Guests are reminded to follow Holyoke Mall’s Healthy Shopper Guidelines and as per Massachusetts mandate, a mask MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES while visiting Holyoke Mall. The mask must cover your nose and your mouth and must be worn both inside and outside of the property.

MARKET, from page 1

of each month. SNAP/EBT and HIP are welcome, and Spanish translation is available. The Holyoke Winter Farmers’ Market is supported by the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce and the Holyoke Food and Equity Collective.

The market will feature five local farms. Apex Orchards of Shelburne will be offering apples, vinegar, and honey, Atlas Farm from South Deerfield and Red Fire Farm from Granby and Montague will offer a wide variety of produce, including fresh greens like spinach, plus carrots, potatoes, winter squash, and a lot more. D & R Farm from Hampden is bringing meat, eggs, vegetables, and their own baked goods and jams. Boze Family Farms from Springfield will be bringing salad mixes and a variety of microgreens and shoots. Almost all vendors are equipped to accept SNAP/EBT and HIP, which is a statewide program that offers shoppers who are using SNAP an instant rebate, up to a monthly cap, when they purchase fruits and vegetables directly from participating Massachusetts farms.

SPORTS, from page 1

moved to yellow.

Basketball and swimming would be the only sports that could take place. Holyoke High is no longer part of a co-op program with South Hadley for ice hockey, and indoor track and wrestling have both been deferred.

Indoor track will take place during the “bubble” season beginning in late February, and wrestling has been moved to the spring season.

Martin added Holyoke’s status weighs heavily on

Curbside Pickup

Select retailers are offering curbside service. Here is a list of stores providing curbside pickup at Holyoke Mall. This list is subject to change, so remember to call ahead to confirm if your store will be able to provide this service and ask where to park to receive your package.

Buy Online Pickup In-Store

Select retailers are also offering Buy Online Pickup In-Store. In addition to curbside pick-up, many shoppers are looking to buy merchandise online and pick it up quickly at their favorite store this holiday season to avoid shipping fees, shipping delays and porch pirates. Holyoke Mall has a handy link on the home page of our website that lists all of the stores providing the Buy Online Pickup In-Store service.

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“Our goal is to make this market as accessible and welcoming as possible,” says Charlie Henzel, Market Manager. “It’s located in a central location in Holyoke and we really want to get the word out to people who are food insecure and make sure people know about HIP -- it enables people to stretch their SNAP dollars and get fresh produce as well as support local farmers.”

The Holyoke Winter Farmers’ Market has worked closely with the Holyoke Board of Health to ensure that the market adheres to all state and federal COVID-19 guidelines, including a limit on the number of shoppers, limited entry and exit points, temperature checks, and mandatory masks.

Despite the precautions required in response to COVID-19, the Holyoke Winter Market promises to be a bustling community space. Crave Food Truck will be set up outside so shoppers can grab a meal along with their groceries. Says Henzel, “The Holyoke Farmers’ Market has run during the summer for over 40 years, so I’m really excited to see our community connect this winter over local food.”

Market updates and more information can be found at facebook.com/HolyokeFM.

whether some teams will play against them in certain sports. She pointed out West Springfield ceased playing Holyoke in the fall when the city went into the red. Holyoke continued to play games while in the red for three weeks against other teams.

Holyoke has very prominent wrestling and football programs. Football is supposed to take place in the bubble season while wrestling could become an outdoor event in the spring.

Because of the receivership situation in the school district, the school committee, which received a presentation on the matter early this week, did not vote on the decision. The decision was made by the administration.

was booked and charged with murder.

This is an on-going murder investigation being conducted by the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney’s Office, the Holyoke Police Department, and the Hampden District Attorney’s Office’s Murder Unit.

Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni and Holyoke Police Chief Manuel Febo offer their sympathies to the victim’s family.

HOMICIDE, from page 1

agencies to locate to the suspect.

On Monday, Dec. 14 members of the Massachusetts State Police Violent Apprehension Section pulled the suspect over on 1-91 North in Massachusetts and placed him into custody. He was transported to the Holyoke Police Department where he

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